

Appl. No. 09/424,487
Amdt. dated December 5, 2003
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Support for the amendment is provided at e.g., at page 2, lines 26-28. The amendment is in accordance with a suggestion by Supervisory Examiner Low in an interview conducted May 14, 2003 in a co-pending case 09/424,488 in which parallel issues are present. A similar amendment has been submitted in the '488 case. At the interview it was pointed out that applicants' claims were directed to methods of producing zinc finger proteins using a quadruplet code whereas the methods in the cited reference used a triplet code. It was also pointed out that sequence specificity at the boundary of between subsites arises from synergy between adjacent fingers. Examiner Low suggested that applicants refer to the synergy of binding in the claims. The present amendment effects this suggestion. For this reasons, as well as those submitted in the previous response to final rejection submitted August 13, 2003, it is submitted that the outstanding rejections should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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